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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☒ Other Express Mail No. EL932684310 US

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before consideration on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, to read as follows:

1. A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for surface protection comprising a three-layered film in which a layer A, a layer B and a layer C have been laminated in this order and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer on the layer C;

wherein the layer A contains a polyethylene polymer in an amount of at least 60 % by weight based on a total weight of the layer A;

the layer B contains an ethylene/propylene copolymer in an amount of at least 50 % by weight based on a total weight of the layer B; and

the layer C contains a hydrogenated styrene/diene hydrocarbon random copolymer in an amount of at least 10 % by weight based on a total weight of the layer C.